

**CHAPTER NO. 3**

**SENATE BILL NO. 42**

**By Womack, Herron**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 47

By Givens

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of a cultural license plate for combat infantrymen (CIB).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Combat infantrymen (CIB);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Distinctive registration plates are authorized for recipients of the combat infantry badge (CIB). Such plates are approved for display on motor vehicles which are authorized by §55-4-210(c) and which are owned and operated, or leased by, a certified recipient of the combat infantry badge (CIB).

(b) The registration plates provided for in this section shall be of distinctive design and shall bear the language "COMBAT INFANTRYMAN" and an image of the combat infantry badge. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the Director of the Motor Vehicle Titling and Registration Division of the Department of Safety and the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

(c) The initial issuance of a registration plate pursuant to this section and renewals thereof shall be made upon payment of the regular registration fee applicable to the vehicle and the annual twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee prescribed by §55-4-203.

(d) All applications pursuant to this section shall contain such information as the Commissioner of Safety shall require to prove eligibility for issuance of a license plate pursuant to this section. The proper certification for an applicant's receipt of the combat infantry badge (CIB) shall be established in consultation with the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

(e) Registration plates issued or renewed pursuant to this section shall not be transferable to any other person or entity; except that in the event of the death of a certified combat infantry badge recipient, the surviving spouse of such deceased person shall be entitled to operate a motor vehicle registered pursuant to this section with such plates for the duration of the registration period, provided that such surviving spouse is a registered co-owner of such motor vehicle.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of §55-4-201(c) and (d), the registration plate authorized by this section shall meet the minimum requirements of §55-4-201(b)(3)(B) and qualify for initial issuance within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. If the registration plate authorized by this section fails to meet the minimum issuance requirements of §55-4-201(b)(3)(B) within one (1) year of the effective date of this act, such plate shall not be issued and the commissioner shall notify the Tennessee Code Commission that the section of Tennessee Code Annotated authorizing the issuance of such plate is, on the basis of such inactivity, to be deemed obsolete and invalid.


SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: February 18, 1999**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 26th day of February 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR